THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) Anti smuggling activities have been intensified at all vulnerable areas including International Airports/ Sesports. Ships Rnd flights coming from sensitive places are thoroughly rummaged. The measures include greater surveillance, intensified intelligence collection, increased use of baggage x-ray machines and m?ta1 detectors, greater coordination between various Central and State agencies.

School; set up *y ISI to train smugglers

123. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFF4JRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item, published in the Tndian E? tress dated 24th September, I9C4 captioned "ISI se»«9 up schools to train smugglers";

(b) if so, what *%re.* the details thereof?

(c) what is Government's reaction (hereto; and

(d) whether Government have taken this matter with Government of Pakistan; and

(e) if so, the response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The Government of India is aware of Pakistan's continued support lo subversion and terrorism directed towards India Government have on several occasions and at various, levels strongly urged Pakistan to stop this support, which is otally unacceptable and is in violation of the universally acceptable and *is* in violation of the universally accepted norms of inter-State conduct and the provisions of the Simla Agreement.

Setting up of the schools for training of smugglers have not come to the notice of the Government. Trans-border sffiUg-glers and couriers are, however, reported to be frequently exploited by Pak ISI and j Pakistan military intelligence operative to carry out espionage. The State Police Intelligence and Special Branches have been sensitised from time to time regarding the Pakistan and Intel'igencc operatives and wherever leads are picked up the same are vigorously pursued. Close liai-sioii, wherever required, is being main-tained with the State Police intelligence/ Special Branches.

Sealing of Border with Bhutan

124. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the increasing security threat in north-east, the am Government has approached the centre to seal the border with Bhutan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) On the report of and in consultation with the State Government of Assam, BSF contingents have been deployed at a large number of entry points on the Indo-Bhutan Border in Assam to curb and control the activities of militants.

Involeinent *o£ Delhi* Police Pettonsnel in Crimes

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125. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: • Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that involvement of Delhi Police personnel in crimes like corruption & rape has shown I a rise;

(b) if so, the number of cases is which the Delhi Police personnel were found involved in such crimes since the beginning of 1994 a$_s$ compared lo the corresponding period in '993;

(c) what action has been taken by Government to check !he criminal tendencies among the police personnel"

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) No, Sir. During the period from 1,1.94 to 31-10-94, 31 police personnels have been found involved in 20 corruption and rape case? while 36 police personnels were involved in 23 cases of corruption adn rape cases during the corresponding period from 1-1-93 to 31-10-93.

(c) With a view to curb involvjment of policemen in crime and to retain public confider:.' in. police, the police! department has been taking exemplary deterrent action including disciplinary proceedings in all cases where policemen are found involved in crimes The department is revising the training syllabus, both for initial training and refresher courses, to bring about the required behavioural changes among policemen. Besides briefing js also being given by senior officer; to the member.; of the force through Sampaik Sabhas-Accessi-bility of senior officers to puKis is on the increase and a close watch is being kept on the conduct to policemen parti-;ular!v those with doubtful integrity, by ;he Vigilance Branch and the Anti-Cor-•uption Branch of the Goi'ernment,

Sale *dl* Five Islands fe Atdtesai

12S. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATTUR: Will the Minister of HOME AF--AIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that five sen-itive islands in the Andamans have been •jld out—four to M/s. Imperial Granite 'o. of Madras and one to Capt. Kesri Ibble:

(b) if so ,b* circumstances under which the sale of islands took place and th-conditions laid down about it.

(c) whether this sale had prior approval of Central Government or it was by the Island Admn.: and

id) what is tht present status of these five islands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI *V.* M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Atrocities sgaitsst women

127. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME [RS he pleased to state:

(a) vhether the cases, of atrocities of dilits, backwards, scheduled castes; sche duled tribes; women etc. are on the increased in the country especially in-Uttat Pradesh, Bihar and North Extern States;

(b) if so, the number of cases of atro cities en women, stripping; killing; etc. in the country; State-wise and UT-wise, in the last twelve months and how do ompare with the preceeding three

(c) rhe action Government of India has taken to check such crimes and the number of people who have been puni shed [t]ierefot giving details thereof'/

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (c) The registration, investigation, detection ind prevention of crimes, including cri-rr.es against women, is the responsibility of "he State Governments/UT Administrations. However, the Government of India have initiated a number of measures to check such crime. The Dowry Prohibition Act (1961) was amended in 1984 and 1986 to make the law more stringent. The Indian Penal Code, the